



OHIO EDCHOICE SCHOLARSHIP EXPANSION PROGRAM – GRADES K-12

Ohio EdChoice provides students in Kindergarten through 12th grade scholarship opportunities based on their household income level. Families at or below the 200% Federal Poverty Level are eligible for low-income status. Families with low-income status do not pay the difference between the scholarship amount and the LCA tuition amount.

1. Submit EdChoice Scholarship Program 2024-2025 Request Form (one per child on scholarship).
 - Turn this form into the LCA main office.
2. Submit a copy of the student's birth certificate (and any additional proof of custody if needed).
 - Turn this form into the LCA main office.
3. Submit proof of address (one per family).
 - Proof of address must match the name and address on your EdChoice Scholarship Form.
 - Proof of address must show BOTH your mailing and service address.
 - Proof of address must be current (in the last 3 months).
 - Turn this form into the LCA main office.
4. Submit Legacy Christian Academy EdChoice Scholarship Agreement Form (one per family).
 - Turn this form into the LCA main office.
5. Create an OH-ID account and submit your income information online.
 - Important resources for submitting your income online:
<https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Other-Resources/Scholarships/EdChoice-Scholarship-Program>

Please contact Erin Blake with any questions at eblake@legacyknights.org or 937-352-1388.



Legacy Christian Academy EdChoice Scholarship Agreement

Tuition and Fees

The parents of EdChoice Expansion Scholarship recipients are responsible for the following fees:

TUITION

The EdChoice Scholarship Program provides all students in grades K-12 scholarship opportunities based on their household income level.

1. The following income requirements will be in place in order for you to be eligible for the scholarship:
 - 0 – 200% - Full scholarship (Low Income Status) - parent does not pay remaining tuition
 - 201%-450% - Full scholarship - parent pays remaining tuition
 - 451% and up - Partial scholarship based on the Federal Poverty Level Chart- parent pays remaining tuitionFull scholarship amount: \$6,166 for grades K-8
\$8,408 for grades 9-12
2. If the family's income changes for the next school year and does not meet the low income status requirements, the family will be responsible for the full tuition difference between the scholarship amount and full LCA tuition. As long as the renewal process is completed yearly, the student will continue to be eligible for the scholarship regardless of income.
 - EdChoice families can apply for LCA Financial Aid (based on need) for up to 50% of the remaining tuition.

Please note: The Ohio Department of Education issues checks for your child's tuition monthly during the school year. The checks are mailed to the school and issued in the name of the parent and the school. It is your responsibility to come to the school to endorse the check when you are notified that it has been received. There is a limited Power of Attorney (POA) form available for you to sign if you would like the school to sign the EdChoice checks on your behalf. We have a notary available on site.

PSA

Per Student Assessment covers a variety of academic materials, facility costs, and student life events. This charge is **not** covered by the scholarship.

6th-12th GRADE ATHLETIC/DRAMA PARTICIPATION FEES

The 6th-12th grade athletic participation fee is \$200 per student per sport with a family participation fee cap of \$1,000. The 6th-12th grade drama participation fee is \$200 per student per production. Participation fee(s) will be added to your FACTS account as a separate line item. Payment can be made directly through your FACTS account, or you can request the fee be added in with your monthly tuition/PSA payment by contacting the Business Office at 937-352-1660.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

A supply list will be posted on our website (www.legacyknights.org). These items should be sent with your child to Meet-the-Teacher night or on the first day of school.

UNIFORMS (GRADES K-12)

Uniform items with the LCA logo must be purchased from an LCA approved vendor (Lands' End or Educational Apparel) and be in compliance with the school's dress code policy (see Parent/Student Handbook).

Provision of Special Services

- LCA participates in the National School Lunch Program. Students who qualify may receive lunch at no cost or at a reduced rate.
- We do not provide Before and After School Care. Students can arrive no earlier than 7:15 a.m. or be on campus no later than 3:30 p.m. unless participating in school-sponsored extracurricular activities.

Transportation

- Please contact your local school district to inquire about available busing options. If transportation cannot be provided by your school district, parents may be eligible to receive a financial stipend from their respective school district.
- Because there is no guarantee that bus transportation will be provided and because this information will not be made available until shortly before school begins, it is the family’s responsibility to have a secondary plan that provides transportation to and from school each day.

Attendance

- The Ohio Department of Education will not renew EdChoice scholarships if a student has more than 20 unexcused absences during the school year.
- Student absences must be reported to the Main Office no later than 8:30 a.m.
- An absence will be considered excused if it meets the criteria established by the Ohio Department of Education for the EdChoice Program and if a parental note or email explaining the absence is sent to the Main Office.
- Absences for an illness that exceeds 3 consecutive days must be documented by a physician’s excuse.

The following documentation is required for submitting a New EdChoice Scholarship Application:

- Proof of address (copy of recent utility bill in the parent’s name, monthly mortgage statement, or rental lease agreement). If the parent(s) and child live with another individual, additional documentation will be required.
- Copy of the child’s birth certificate
- Custody documentation (if applicable)
- EdChoice Scholarship Program Request Form
- Income Verification Form submitted online.
- Attach and submit a signed copy of this form with your application to the LCA office.

I acknowledge that I have read and agree with the above information.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

School Administrator _____ Date _____

This form applies to the following students (Name/Grade):

EdChoice Scholarship Program Request Form 2024-2025

INCOME	<p>***ATTENTION: Income verification is required for New Expansion Scholarship applicants. Income verification is not required to apply for a Traditional EdChoice Scholarship. Families may qualify for low-income status if they choose to have their income verified for the Traditional EdChoice Scholarship. To complete the Income Verification process, parents may submit online using the secure Income Verification system or complete and mail the paper form. Emailing documents is not permitted.</p>
ADDRESS VERIFICATION	<p>***Proof of residency is required of all first year and renewal applicants and must be submitted to the school with the application.***</p> <p>Parents/Guardians must document residency by providing the school with a current (less than 90 days old) utility bill. The utility (electric, gas, water, sewer, cable/internet) bill must show matching service and mailing address in the name of the parent/guardian. Post office boxes (except in rural areas where residents only have a PO Box) and cell phone bills have no service address and therefore are not accepted.</p> <p><i>Other Acceptable Documents:</i> A monthly mortgage statement (less than 90 days old) or lease/rental agreement (signed by lessee and lessor) and a piece of current business mail (examples: pay stub, bank statement, insurance statement, car payment statement, etc) with parent/guardian's name and address.</p> <p>***Additional information can be found on the scholarship webpage.***</p>

2024-2025 EDCHOICE PARENT AGREEMENT

I _____ AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:

(Parent Name)

- The information provided in this application is true and correct.
- I have supplied the chartered nonpublic school with a certified copy of the student's birth certificate, copies of all custody/guardianship documentation for the student, and proof of my address.
- I have submitted only one EdChoice application for this student.
- The scholarship amount shall only be applied to the tuition of the enrolling school, and I may be required to pay other fees and costs as prescribed by the policies of the school.
- I will sign all scholarship checks received by the private school for my student in a timely manner. I understand that if I fail to endorse the scholarship checks to the school, I will be responsible for paying the student's tuition.
- If I transfer my scholarship to another participating chartered nonpublic school, I will notify the school of my intent to withdraw and I will return to the original school to sign any remaining checks.
- I will apply for any and all financial aid or tuition discounts and adjustments made regularly available to the students attending the school in which the student is accepted for enrollment.
- I will abide by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) dispute resolution process outlined in Ohio Administrative Code Section 3301-11-14.
- If I am not a low-income parent or did not complete the income verification process, I will be responsible for paying any difference between the scholarship amount and the tuition of the chartered nonpublic school.
- I must inform ODE and the chartered nonpublic school of any change in the student's residential address or custodystatus.
- I will not be able to renew my child's scholarship if: 1) my family moves to another public school district unless my child would be assigned to an EdChoice designated public school in the new district (applicable only to students who were initially awarded a scholarship based on an EdChoice designated building); 2) my child does not complete all required assessments; 3) my child has more than 20 unexcused absences for the school year; or 4) I fail to complete the renewal process. If my child received an EdChoice Expansion scholarship, I must maintain Ohio residency.
- I have received and understand the policy handbook of the chartered nonpublic school and will abide by its provisions.
- I understand that if my child's scholarship has been awarded in error, it will be terminated immediately, and I would then be responsible for paying the tuition if I decide to keep my child at the private school.

I designate _____ to submit an application on my behalf for the Scholarship Program
 (Name of Private School)

through the Ohio Department of Education's electronic application system. By signing below, I agree to the above statements.

 Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian signing the tuition check

 Date Signed

Return to the private school with student's birth certificate and a current utility bill showing matching service and mailing addresses.